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WHITE SUPREMACIST ARRESTED ON FEDERAL MURDER-FOR-HIRE AND WEAPONS CHARGES

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Re: United States v. Russell Seace

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge, Kenneth W. Kaiser, and Hampton Police Chief William Wrenn announced that Russell SEACE, DOB 3/18/70, of Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, was arrested last night in Hampton Beach on federal murder-for-hire and weapons charges.

SEACE, a white supremacist affiliated with the white supremacist Church of Jesus Christ Christian and Aryan Nation organizations was arraigned before U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr., who ordered him detained without bail pending a detention hearing scheduled for April 25, 2003 at U.S. District Court in Concord.

A Criminal Complaint against SEACE, issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge James R. Muirhead, charges him with using mail and interstate commerce facilities with the intent that a murder-for-hire be committed, and with being a felon in possession of a firearm. The affidavit in support of the complaint remains under seal in the District Court. SEACE faces a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment on each of the charges.

The charge against SEACE resulted from an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Resident Office in Bedford, with the assistance of the Hampton Police Department. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY COLANTUONO REMINDS THE PUBLIC THAT AN INDICTMENT IS ONLY AN ALLEGATION AND NOT PROOF OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT. AS IN ALL CASES, EACH DEFENDANT IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT.